



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer  
Director of Mental Health

At the Budget Deliberations held June 20, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Chief Administrative Officer's report on the Departments of Health Services and Mental Health's funding source for any restructuring of the psychiatric wards in County hospitals.

Marvin J. Southard, Director of Mental Health answered questions posed by the Board.

By common consent and there being no objection, the Board received and filed the attached report from the Chief Administrative Officer on the Departments of Health Services and Mental Health's funding source for any restructuring of the psychiatric wards in County hospitals.

The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Molina and Yaroslavsky:

"On April 26, 2005, the Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) to immediately implement recommendations to alleviate the overcrowding of the County's four psychiatric emergency departments. The CAO committed to work with the Departments to identify funding to carry out these recommendations. Recognizing that DMH faces a projected \$30 million deficit, the CAO is proposing \$10.9 million of one-time funds to implement these recommendations. The Board should ensure that these funds are dedicated to the decompression of the County Hospital's Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES)."

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Therefore, Supervisor Molina made a motion that the Board take the following actions:

1. Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer the \$10.9 million in proposed one-time net County cost funding from the Department of Mental Health to Provisional Financing Uses;
2. Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Mental Health to:
  - a. Return to the Board with a plan for the use of this funding for the purchase of additional inpatient and residential beds to decompress the County's psychiatric emergency departments, if needed; and
  - b. Identify future funding for the provision of psychiatric emergency services and report back to the Board within 90 days.

After further discussion, Supervisor Knabe offered an amendment to Supervisor Molina's motion to instruct the Director of Mental Health to include in his report to the Board the impact of the expenditure on law enforcement referral beds. Supervisor Molina accepted Supervisor Knabe's amendment.

Therefore, Supervisor Molina's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, was unanimously carried.

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#### Attachment

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